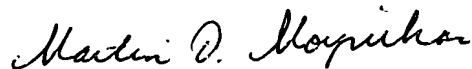


There is no indication whatsoever that the August 10, 2006 action as a Final Rejection. Box 2a is not checked off on the Office Action Summary page. The Conclusion section on Page 14 of the Office Action does not identify the action as being a Final Office action. Applicant had no inkling that the Examiner considered the August 10, 2006 as being a Final Rejection.

Accordingly, it is respectfully urged that the response filed February 12, 2007 be entered, considered and acted upon.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are allowable over the cited prior art. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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